

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1, 6, 7, 11-20 and 23-28 are pending in the application, that Claims 1, 6 and 23-28 are allowable, and that Claims 7 and 11-20 are rejected. By this amendment, Claims 7 and 14 have been amended. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 7, 12-14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,856,876 to Breed and U.S. Patent No. 4,695,953 to Blair. Claims 15, 16 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,856,876 to Breed, U.S. Patent No. 4,695,953 to Blair and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0063756 to Geerlings. Claims 11 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,856,876 to Breed, U.S. Patent No. 4,695,953 to Blair and U.S. Patent No. 5,220,922 to Geerlings.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 7 and 14 have been amended to substantially including the limitations from independent Claims 1 and 23 which the Examiner has indicate none of the prior art references of record disclose. Therefore, Claims 7 and 14, as amended, are patentable over Breed in view of Blair. In addition, **Claims 11-13 and 15-20** are allowable by virtue of their dependency on respective base Claims 7 and 14, as well as the additional elements they recite. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the

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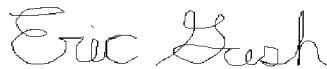
obviousness rejection of Claims 7 and 11-20 be withdrawn and that Claims 7 and 11-20 be allowed.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 504160. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 504160.

Respectfully submitted,
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